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| For: COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED   | ) | Confirmation No.: 1093   |
| METHOD FOR DEVELOPMENT      | ) |                          |
| PROFILE SIMULATION,         | ) |                          |
| COMPUTER PROGRAM            | ) |                          |
| PRODUCT FOR CONTROLLING A   | ) |                          |
| COMPUTER SYSTEM SO AS TO    | ) |                          |
| SIMULATE DEVELOPMENT        | ) |                          |
| PROFILE, AND COMPUTER       | ) |                          |
| IMPLEMENTED METHOD FOR      | ) |                          |
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Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

A copy of the listed foreign document is attached. JP 10-064792 and JP 04-044312 are already of record in this application, and accordingly, copies are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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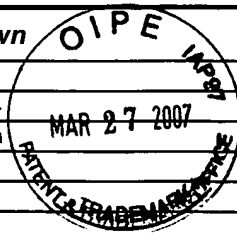
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